

THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

• Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a truly great American community, the city of Keene, NH, which will celebrate its 250th Anniversary during a week of festivities beginning Tuesday, May 27 and culminating on Saturday, May 31, 2003.

On September 18, 1734, a group of eight individuals eager to expand the growing colonies settled on the outer edge of New Hampshire in an area that was then called Upper Ashuelot. In 1753, when the colony of New Hampshire granted a new township in the southwest section of the province, the Royal Governor, Benning Wentworth, named the town "Keene" out of gratitude and respect for his friend and business associate, Sir Benjamin Keene, a career diplomat and one time British Ambassador to the court of Spain.

Although agriculture was an important part of the region's early economy, Keene gained a reputation as an important glass producing center. In 1814, the New Hampshire Glass Factory was founded, producing mostly window glass for the New England region for nearly 40 years. Other glass manufacturers soon opened, making bottles and flasks that are now known as "Keene Glass," and which remains highly valued today.

With the arrival of the railroad in 1848, Keene's stature as an economic center grew. Rail lines between Boston and New York allowed Keene to thrive and by the end of the 1850s, Keene had seen the addition of some 100 buildings. During the 19th century, such industrial commodities as flannel, pottery, and furniture were being produced in Keene, and at the beginning of the 20th century, Keene even made automobiles.

As Keene's economic growth expanded, so to, did its population. At the beginning of the century, the population was about 1,650 people. By 1850, there were nearly 3,400 people in Keene and by 1870, that number expanded to almost 6,000. In 1874, the citizens of Keene passed a measure which established the city of Keene—9 years after the New Hampshire State legislature voted to allow Keene to become a city and after the citizens had twice voted down the idea.

Today, more than 125 years later, Keene is still a vibrant city, home to many diverse industries, well renowned institutions of higher learning, and an acclaimed performing arts community.

Each year, students from across the State and the Nation flock to southwest New Hampshire in order to expand their horizons at Keene State College, founded in 1909, and Antioch New England Graduate School. These and other quality institutions of higher learning throughout the region educate some of America's premier students.

Culturally, Keene thrives, boasting the Redfern Arts Center on Brickyard Pond at Keene State College as well as

the non-profit Colonial Theater on Main Street and numerous singers and musicians who perform at a number of other locations in Keene. The region's largest newspaper, the Keene Sentinel, is also the Nation's fifth oldest. Having been in publication since 1799, it continues to serve as a vital source of news and information for the people of Keene.

Surrounded by mountains, lakes, and forest, in terms of quality of life, Keene is a community that has it all. In fact, the National Trust for Historic Preservation recently named Keene one of America's Dozen Distinctive Destinations, which is no surprise since the Elm City is often times described as the "suburb without the big city next door." With its commitment to historic preservation, attractive architecture, and diversity of businesses, Keene epitomizes the quaint New England municipality it has grown to be.

I congratulate Keene, New Hampshire on its 250th anniversary, and I extend my best wishes to its more than 22,000 citizens in celebration of this splendid milestone. •

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS

• Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate this year's winners of the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards. The "ED"ies are awarded to those individuals, schools and educational programs that have made significant contributions to public education and have met the highest standards of excellence. Educators and schools are measured on criteria, including curriculum and instruction, teaching and learning process, student achievement, leadership and decision-making, community and parental involvement, and school climate. On June 7, 2003, 35 individuals and 5 schools will be recognized for their leadership and outstanding achievements in preparing New Hampshire students for success in the 21st century, and I believe I represent my State well in conveying our appreciation and respect for the professionals they are and the sacrifices and contributions they make every day in classrooms throughout the Granite State.

The "ED"ies are presented in various categories of excellence, such as art education, world languages, school nursing, counseling and technology. The specific criteria for the "ED"ies, which is developed by the board of directors for the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards, has been applied to elementary, middle, and secondary schools, along with teachers, administrators, and other education professionals performing at each of these levels, as well as higher education. Selection committees are charged with the responsibility of applying these standards and evaluating nominees, and consist of some of New Hampshire's finest educators and com-

munity leaders. The committees carefully review nominees, study school applications and conduct assessments through on-site visitations.

I have very fond memories of so many teachers that had a profound impact on my life. Their work that created a positive learning environment and provided me with the direction necessary to succeed, made an enormous difference in my growth as a person and as a public servant. They allowed me to appreciate the importance of a sound public education, as well as the need for individuals to make a contribution to their community. In my most important job—that of being a parent—I realize how delicate the task of educating can be, and understand more now than ever the vital resource our schools and teachers provide to the parents in the towns and cities of New Hampshire.

Similar to the classroom heroes I knew growing up in Salem, the group of educators chosen this year for the "ED"ies have demonstrated superior dedication and service to their students, schools and communities, and deserve this prestigious honor for the important roles they play in helping our children reach their goals and succeed in school. The teachers, principals, counselors, librarians, and other school leaders being commended this year have provided students with the tools they need to become productive and engaged citizens, and have been some of our State's most treasured role models—setting positive examples for the children that surround them, teaching personal responsibility and hard work, and shaping the character of young minds. For these achievements, our State and our country owe them a great deal of gratitude.

I am proud of the strides that the President and Congress have made in working to reform our Nation's public education system. Since first elected to Congress in 1996, I have made improving education a legislative priority of mine. However, I am cognizant of the fact that the men and women on the front lines of our classrooms tackle the toughest of challenges and enable our country to realize the promise of leaving no child behind. The State of New Hampshire's education system is a true model to be highlighted, and I am confident that the success we enjoy in our State is due in large measure to the contributions and leadership of the many educators and schools being recognized here today.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the list of the 2003 New Hampshire Excellence in Education Award winners be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

NH Art Educators Association—Award: Art Educator of the Year—Luci Prawdzik, Peter Woodbury School.

NH Association for Gifted Education—Award: Educator of the Gifted Award—Barbara DeVore, Reeds Ferry Elementary School, Merrimack.

NH Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development—Award: Supervision & Curriculum Development Award—Marianne MacCarthy True, Plymouth State College.

NH Association of Family & Consumer Services—Award: Family & Consumer Services—Katherine Shoubash, Bow High School.

NH Association of School Principals—Award: Assistant Principal—Francis McNally, Dover High School.

NH Association of School Principals—Award: Secondary Principal—Deborah Brooks, Newmarket High School.

NH Association of School Principals—Award: Middle School Principal—Dr. John O'Connor, Dover Middle School.

NH Association of School Principals—Award: Elementary Principal—Kevin Johnson, Kearsarge Regional Elementary School.

NH Association of School Psychologists—Award: NH School Psychologist of the Year—Kristen Thibodeau, Derry School District.

NH Association of Special Education Administrators—Award: Special Education Administrator of the Year—Frances Gonsalves, SAU #48—Plymouth.

NH Association of World Languages—Award: NH Association of World Languages Teacher of Excellence Award—Connie Evans, Bow High School.

NH Business Education Association—Award: NH Business Education Association Achievement Award—Beverly S. Lannan, Pinkerton Academy.

NH Charitable Foundation/Christa McAuliffe—Award: Christa McAuliffe Sabbatical Award—Daniel E. Reidy, Moultonborough Central School.

NH College and University Council—Award: NH College and University Council Faculty Member Award—Dr. Ockle Johnson, Keene State College.

NH Council for the Social Studies—Award: Social Studies Teacher of the Year—Joan O'Donnell, ConVal High School.

NH Council of Secondary Administrators of Vocational Education—Award: Vocational Education Teacher of the Year—William Wood, Pinkerton Academy.

NH Council of Teachers of English—Award: English Teacher of the Year—Heidi Pauer, Bow High School.

NH DARE—Award: D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year—Barbara Mack-Keeney, Woodstock Police Department.

NH Driver Education Teachers Association—Award: Driver Education Teacher of the Year—Paul Ingersoll, Ingersoll Driving School.

NH Environmental Educators—Award: Middle School Level—Linda Carson, Hillsboro-Deering Middle School; and—Award: Elementary Level—Wendy Oellers, Gilford Elementary School.

NH Humanities Council—Award: Treat Award—Christopher Brooks, Souhegan High School.

NH Music Educators Association—Award: Distinguished Music Educator of the year—David Bresnahan, Memorial High School.

NH School Administrators Association—Award: NH School Administrators Association Outstanding Service Award—Mary Heath, SAU #19—Goffstown.

NH School Administrators Association—Award: Superintendent of the Year—Phillip G. McCormack, SAU #29—Keene.

NH School Boards Association—Award: School Board Excellence Award—Shaker Regional School Board, Belmont.

NH School Counselor Association—Award: NH School Counselor of the Year—Kellie Monroe, Bristol Elementary School.

NH School Nurses Association—Award: NH School Nurse of the Year—Susan A. Reiss, Sanborn Regional Middle School.

NH Society for Technology in Education—Award: Pat Keyes Technology Educator of

the Year—Beth Haarlander, North Elementary School, Londonderry.

NH Society for Technology in Education—Award: NH Society for Technology in Education Impact Award—Karen Switzer, Pleasant Street School, Laconia.

NH Teacher of the Year—Award: NH Teacher of the Year—Marilyn "Lin" Benz Lindquist, Lamprey River Elementary School, Raymond.

NH Technology Education Association—Award: NH Technology Education Association Teacher of the Year—Wayne Bartels, Monadnock Regional Jr./Sr. High School, Swanzey.

NH Technology Education Association—Award: NH Technology Education Association Program Excellence Award—The Whitefield School, Whitefield.

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Math and Science—Award: Elementary Science—Stacy Jo Stapleton, Washington Elementary School—Award: Secondary Science—Kevin Andrew Lavigne, Hanover High School.

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Math and Science—Award: Elementary Math—Suzy Michelle Gagnon, Mast Way Elementary School, Lee—Award: Secondary Math—Joshua Christian Frost, Cooperative Middle School, Stratham.

NH Schools of Excellence—Award: Elementary School of the Year—New Boston Central Elementary School, New Boston.

NH Schools of Excellence—Award: Middle School of the Year—West Running Brook Middle School, Derry.

NH Schools of Excellence—Award: Secondary School of the Year—Merrimack Valley High School, Penacook.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DETECTIVE RUSSELL NICHOLS

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today in the Senate to honor and pay tribute to Kentucky State Police Detective Russell Nichols for being named the Trooper of the Year for Post 16 in Henderson.

This is the second time that this honor was bestowed upon Detective Nichols. As a 18-year veteran of the Kentucky State Police, he has proven himself over and over again to be an exemplary law enforcement officer. Detective Nichols was nominated for this prestigious award because of his investigations into crimes ranging from burglaries to homicides. Detective Nichols is also a field training officer who uses his expertise to train and mentor rookie troopers.

The citizens of western Kentucky are fortunate to have Detective Nichols protecting their communities. His example of leadership, hard work, and compassion should be an inspiration to all throughout the Commonwealth.

Congratulations, Detective Nichols, for receiving this award. Detective Nichols is just one of the many Kentucky State Police officers who put others before themselves by vowing to protect and serve Kentuckians. They have earned our admiration and respect, and for this we will always be grateful.●

TRIBUTE TO MR. THOMAS "BUDDY" MORGAN OF MONTGOMERY, AL, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE ASSOCIATION

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I rise today in honor of Mr. Thomas "Buddy" Morgan, the general manager of the Montgomery Water Works and Sanitary Sewer Board in Montgomery, AL. Mr. Morgan serves as their representative to the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies, AMSA. On May 19, 2030, the members of AMSA elected Mr. Morgan to be the first president of the association from Alabama. Mr. Morgan was selected for his exemplary commitment and dedication to a clean-water community.

AMSA's mission is to effectively maintain a strong leadership role in the development and implementation of scientifically sound, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly policies for the protection of the health of the public and the environment. In May of 2003, AMSA will celebrate 33 years of service to the clean-water community and the Nation.

Mr. Morgan has worked on many projects on behalf of the city of Montgomery. His distinguished background includes his service on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Urban Wet Weather Flows Federal Advisory Committee and the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Federal Advisory Committee. He also served as chair of the Catoma Creek Watershed Committee and as a board member of the Alabama Clean Water Partnership. As a result of his involvement, Montgomery and surrounding areas of the Great State of Alabama are directly represented in national policy discussions.

Mr. Morgan was instrumental in creating the Montgomery County Water Festival, which is now in its third year. As a result of his efforts, the water festival brings together local students for a day of activities and entertainment that instills in them a sense of environmental stewardship and awareness.

Alabama is honored to be the home to Mr. Morgan. It is no secret that he is a man who, day in and day out, goes above and beyond the call of duty. He is to be commended for his extraordinary efforts on behalf of the Montgomery Water Works and Sanitary Sewer Board and his election to lead the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 8:30 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004.